

## FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE KEY WEST BUREAU



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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Key West Bureau--April 1987

### I. GENERAL

The bureau ended its long enlistment with the Navy this month as we jumped ship, leaving behind an outmoded and often unreliable Boca Chica autodin circuit in favor of the automated Miami switch of [redacted]. The new 300-baud [redacted] circuit accepted its first message 13 April during a TDY here of ADD's [redacted] and two LEC colleagues, [redacted]. In addition to offering a more modern operation, the [redacted] circuit also produced our first Pinkie-Coded copy, a capital improvement that particularly pleased our friends on the Daily Report.

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### II. OPERATIONS

#### A. Monitorial/Editorial

Our output "soared" this month to over 160,000 words, thanks in part to a congress of young communists and a meeting in Havana of the Group of 77. In addition to helping us process this increased workload, Panamanian monitorial TDYer [redacted] also picked up on the first signs that some 35 of Cuba's 83 mediumwave transmitters were off the air on 24 April. Monitor [redacted] later helped solve the mystery of so many stations quiet at one time when she heard a brief radio announcement that Cuba had suffered a massive power outage. Our FCC friends in Ft. Lauderdale were happy to hear this explanation, telling Radio Broadcast Monitor [redacted] that we had saved them "a lot of time, worry, and headaches."

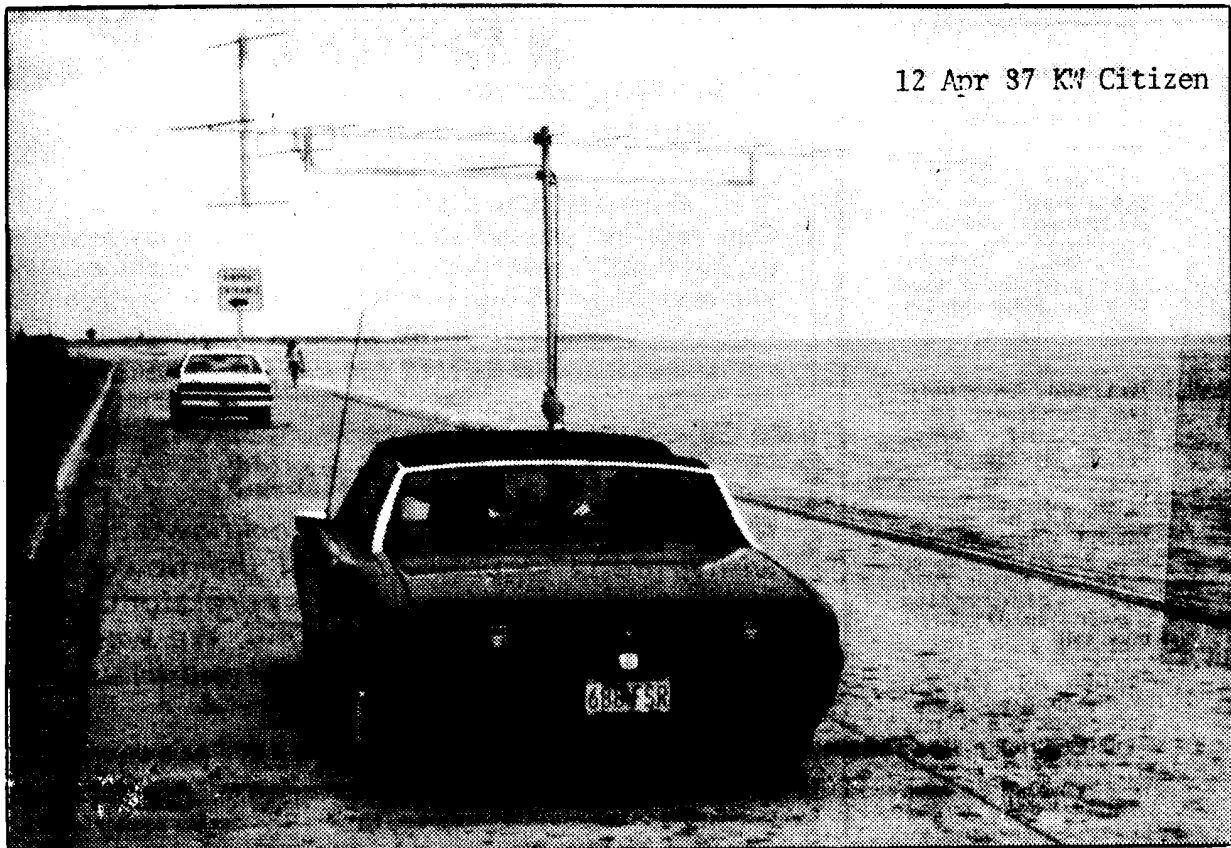
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#### B. Technical

The bureau's new remotely tuned 1,700-foot Beverage antenna on Boca Chica was converted from single to double wire this month. A preliminary evaluation shows that the new antenna outperforms any antennas here at the bureau in providing better reception of most mediumwave casts from Hispaniola, the northern area of the Leeward Islands/Dominica/Grenada, and from central to central-eastern Cuba.

Imaginative as he is, [ ] claims he is not in the car pictured below cruising out Cuban TV programs from the streets of Key West:

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## Hello Cuba!

**A traffic-stopping sight on South Roosevelt Boulevard Saturday was this red Porsche with television antenna, manned by two Cuban-origin engineers**

**who declined to give their names. They were trying to catch Fidel Castro's live broadcast from Matanzas province in Cuba on a portable set in-**

**side the vehicle, to determine the broadcast pattern of the Cuban TV station they said. (KWC/Shoehan)**

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

A promising young monitorial candidate, [ ], passed all our tests this month with excellent marks and became our fourth full-time candidate in waiting. We also interviewed several good candidates for our vacant full-time teletypist position.

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Panama Bureau continues to send some of its very best people here to help us out until we are back to full strength. This month we welcomed [ ] who arrived 15 April to replace the irreplaceable teletypist [ ]

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**B. Buildings and Grounds**

Quality of life improved greatly in April after we installed water purifiers in all our houses. Our taps now run with relatively clear and nonchlorine saturated water rather than the diluted chocolate milk that used to pour forth.

**IV. VISITORS****To the bureau:**

1. Ellis Feinstein, General Manager Scala Electronics Corp, 3 April. STAT
2. [redacted] monitorial candidates, 7-9 April. STAT
3. [redacted] (ADD) and [redacted] (LEC), 10-15 April. STAT
4. [redacted] 10-11 April. STAT
5. [redacted] O/Security, 14 April. STAT
6. [redacted] O/C/Production Group, 15 April, on private travel. STAT
7. [redacted] Panama TDY teletypist, 15 April for 6-week TDY. STAT
8. [redacted] Administrative Staff, 17 April. STAT
9. [redacted], LEC, 24-25 April. STAT

**From the bureau:**

- [redacted] Panama teletypist, returned to Chiva Chiva 16 April following a 6-week TDY. STAT

**V. COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Key West celebrated the fifth anniversary of "independence" from the mainland by staging a variety of events in celebration of the 1982 declaration establishing the Conch Republic. In addition to organizing bed races down our main drag, Duval St, and staging a Bud Lite Marathon (a beer stop between more than a dozen pubs), Key West's mayor topped the festivities by publishing a letter to Javier Perez de Cuellar asking that the Conch Republic be admitted to the UN. At month's end, we were still waiting for a reply.

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Chief, Key West Bureau

**Attachments:**

Nonexpendable Property Report  
Production Report

cc: C/Panama, C/Paraguay

NONEXPENDABLE PROPERTY  
MONTHLY REPORT, KEY WEST BUREAU  
APRIL 1987

PROPERTY RECEIVED:

4 ea	Victor VPCII, Mdl. 2620-1 SN's 607010030B, 611010745C, 608010514B, 611010730C	Unit Cost: \$2580
4 ea	Printer, Okidata, Mdl. Microline 192+ SN's: 608A103791, 608A1037590, 608A1037587, 608A1037592	\$ 539
2 ea	Communications Adapter Plus, Black Box, Mdl. CMA01B SN's: 8712 and 8712 (Same SN for each)	\$ 593
1 ea	Printer, Extel Mdl. AH11-RV (variable Baud feature) SN: 287121	\$1962
5 ea	Receiver, Radio AM/FM w/ built-in cassette recorder and timer, Radio Shack, Realistic Mdl. Chronosette-237, SN's: 0362805083, 0362805232, 0362805606, 0552500734, 0555200996	\$ 100
2 ea	Transcriber/Recorder, Sony Mdl. BM-46, SN's: 36994 and 37036	\$ 501

PROPERTY TRANSFERRED: None

PROPERTY DISPOSED: None

## KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1987

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 161,560

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 35,850

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 545

	BROADCAST	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2,575	14,700	21
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER WEEK	MIN	MIN	ISSUES
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:			
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

## BAHAMAS

Nassau Domestic Service in English	<u>1,060</u>		
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Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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## BARBADOS

Bridgetown CANA in English		<u>57,290</u>	
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Bridgetown ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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Bridgetown SUNDAY ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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## BELIZE

Belize City Domestic Service in English	<u>-0-</u>		
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Belize Times in English			<u>-0-</u>
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## CUBA

Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish	<u>3,600</u>		
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Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish	<u>21,160</u>		
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Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>2,310</u>		
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Havana Radio Periodico Del Aire in Spanish	<u>3,080</u>		
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## CUBA

Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	<u>360</u>
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Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>20,230</u>
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Havana Television Cubana Network in Spanish	<u>12,900</u>
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Havana Television Service in Spanish	<u>14,930</u>
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## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Santo Domingo Cadena Brea Pena in Spanish	<u>490</u>
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Santo Domingo Radio Antillas Network in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Santo Domingo LISTIN DIARIO in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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## JAMAICA

Kingston Domestic Service in English	<u>90</u>
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Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English	<u>-0-</u>
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Kingston SUNDAY GLEANER in English	<u>-0-</u>
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## MEXICO

Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish	<u>10,260</u>
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## NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Bonaire Trans World Radio in English	<u>4,140</u>
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## THE NETHERLANDS

Hilversum International in English	<u>580</u>
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## SURINAME

Paramaribo International Service in English	<u>9,080</u>
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OTHER SOURCES: None